

## Moments at the Middle School

*From Dr. Lux and Mr. Rice*

*March 23, 2023*

Happy first week of spring! We are excited to begin using our courtyard soon, for either certain classes or special lunch events for our students.

### ***Faculty vs. Student Basketball Game: Thursday, March 30th after school***

We are excited for our annual Faculty vs. Student Basketball game will be held on Thursday, March 30th from approximately 2:40-4:30. This year, all proceeds will go to *Aiden's Helping Hands*. Aiden Hanna, HHS student, was diagnosed in August with osteosarcoma. Following this diagnosis, Aiden started a charity called Aiden's Helping Hands. The main goal of this charity is to help raise awareness and lift others up during their cancer journey.

*We would love for our students to stay after school this coming Thursday, March 30th to attend this very fun, annual event.* The students always enjoy watching their teachers play basketball against the students. Most importantly, it is for a good cause! The game will end at approximately 4:30 pm.

Students may purchase tickets for \$3 in advance or \$5 at the door. Additionally, there will be a gift basket raffles (donated by PTO and teachers), 50/50 drawing, concessions, and a free throw contest. Students may purchase game tickets and raffle basket tickets during lunches on March 29th and March 30th.

If attending the game, students will need to be picked up by a family member after the game. We will enact the normal pick-up procedures that we have during the school day. ***We will begin student pick-up at 4:45 pm at the cafeteria entrance in the back of the school.*** *Please do not arrive before 4:45 pm and be patient with dismissal. Waiting until 4:45 pm will ensure that all of our students have their belongings and are seated in the cafeteria waiting. Please pull all the way up to the end of the pick up line as you wait for your student to get to your vehicle.* ***Please hold up a sign with your student's name as you enter onto the campus to ensure a swift pick-up. A sign is much easier than a verbal exchange.***

### ***Upcoming Student Assembly - Mr. Jon Pritikin***

We are really excited to welcome back to Hampton Middle School Mr. Jon Pritikin, famous motivational speaker! When we heard Mr. Pritikin would be in the area (as he lives in CA), we immediately worked to book him at HMS. Jon shares a very heartfelt story about his struggles throughout school, including bullying and struggling academically. He overcame his hardships and actually broke and set two Guinness World Records. The official record title that landed his picture in the Guinness Book of World Records is: "The Tightest Circumference of Two Aluminum Frying Pans Rolled Together with His Bare Hands in Less than 30 Seconds."

Jon Pritikin will visit HMS on Thursday, March 30th. A special thank you to our PTO and Student Council for helping to make this possible!

### ***Summer Camps at Beattie***

The Summer Camps at Beattie are open to any student entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade through entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Please click on the link below to view the offerings.

### **Join our PTO!**

First, we would like to thank our amazing PTO for all of the wonderful work that they do for our students and for our school. We are so grateful to have such a dedicated and hardworking group of parents who spend countless hours working to create special opportunities for our students. We would like to encourage you and ask you to consider joining our PTO! We will have several PTO board vacancies next year, and many opportunities to help. If you are interested in joining, please contact Mr. Rice or Dr. Lux, and we will direct you to a PTO representative.

### **After-School Activity Pickup**

A friendly reminder to please be sure to arrive on-time to pick up your students from after-school activities. Sponsors for after-school activities are not always able to stay later after the event has ended, so it is important to retrieve your child on-time.

### **PSSAs/Keystones**

Please note that PSSAs and Keystone Exams will occur during the last week of April and first week of May. Specifically, all students in grades 6-8 will take the ELA PSSAs on April 24, 25 and 26. Math PSSAs for all grades will occur on May 1-2, and Science PSSAs for grade 8 only will take place on May 3-4. Students who are currently enrolled in Honors Algebra I will take the Algebra I Keystone exam on May 16-17. Unfortunately, we cannot approve student trips on days that our students will be testing.

### **Upcoming Reminders:**

- **End of 3rd Quarter** - Friday, 3/24
- **Jon Pritikin Motivational Assembly** - Thursday, 3/30
- **Faculty / Student Basketball Game** - Thursday, 3/30, 2:40 - 4:30 pm (students attending the game can simply stay after school)
- **NO SCHOOL - Spring Break** - Thursday, 4/6 thru Monday, 4/10 - return to school Tuesday, 4/11
- **Report Cards Available** - Wednesday, 4/12
- **Advisory** - Thursday, 4/13
- **Reality Fair, 8th grade Career Awareness** - Monday, 4/17
- **End of 4th Rotation** - Tuesday, 4/18
- **Beginning of 5th Rotation** - Wednesday, 4/19
- **PSSA ELA Testing** - Monday, 4/24 through Wednesday, 4/26

### **Club Meetings for March:**

- **Best Buddies** - Monday, 3/27, 2:45 - 3:45 pm, room H804
- **Stock Market Club** - Monday, 3/27, 2:45 - 3:15 pm, room F608
- **Talbot Tree House Activity** - Tinker Crates - Tuesday, 3/28, during 8th period tutorial
- **Enrichment Workshop: Resin Workshop** - Tuesday, 3/28, make something unique and fun during tutorial
- **Helping Hands** - Tuesday, 3/28, 2:45 - 3:30 pm, room G708
- **Newspaper Club** - Tuesday, 3/28, 2:45 - 3:45 pm, room D415
- **Student Council** - Wednesday, 3/29, 2:45 - 3:45 pm, room G704
- **Gardening Club** - Thursday, 3/30, 2:45 - 3:15, lobby - Hydroponics
- **French Club** - Friday, 3/31, 2:45 - 3:45 pm, room D416